Health schools in Orissa

1261. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether to strengthen India's public health system, two world class public health schools are proposed to be set up in the country to begin with;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating their locations and source of funding;

(c) whether such a school is also proposed to be set up in Orissa to improve the health-care of this backward region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The Government has decided to support the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) in setting up of world class Institutes of Public Health in India. PHFI is an autonomous Public-Private partnership wherein the Government of India proposes to contribute as one time grant upto Rs. 65 crore to the initial of Rs. 200 crore PHFI corpus, whereas another one-third will come from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the remaining from high net with corporates/individuals, both in India and abroad.

From the initial corpus two schools are proposed to be set up over time. The exact location where the schools are to be set up would be decided by PHFI.

Infant mortality in country

1262. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States of Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh etc., have the highest infant mortality rate in the country;

(b) whether these States also top in death rate; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of the Centre to help these States both financially and physically to improve their health-care infrastructure to control this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, as per the latest available report from the office of the Registrar General of India (Sample Registration System Bulletin April, 2006), Madhya Pradesh has the highest Infant Mortality Rate in the country (79 per 1000 live births), followed by Orissa (77 per 1000 live births) and then Uttar Pradesh (72 per 1000 live births).

(b) Yes, as per the latest available report from the office of the Registrar General of India (Sample Registration System Bulletin April, 2006), the crude death rate in the country is highest in Orissa (9.6 per thousand), followed by Madhya Pradesh (9.2 per thousand) and Uttar Pradesh (8.8 per thousand)

(c) The Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme being implemented all over the country places special attention on Newborn and Child Health. The newborn health strategy envisages presence of Skilled Birth Attendant at the time of delivery, continuum of care from antenatal (period of pregnancy) to postnatal period (after pregnancy) and from home care to the facility based management. Thus there is to be a link between implementation of maternal and newborn health interventions. The Government of India shall also implement the Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses (IMNCI) strategy through the Department of Health & Family Welfare and the Ministry of Women & Child Development.

The National Rural Health Mission, operationalized throughout the country from the current financial year, subsumes all health programmes including RCH. It aims to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care specially to poor and vulnerable sections of the population.

The number of functioning Sub-centres. PHCs and CHCs in the State of Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh as on September, 2005 are as under:

	Orissa	MP	UP
Sub centre	5927	8847	20521
Primary Health Centre	1282	1192	3660
Community Health Centre	231	229	386

Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), funds have been released amounting to Rs. 1185.40 lakhs, Rs. 1647.10 lakhs and Rs. 3715.40 lakhs to States of Orissa, MP and UP respectively during the year 2005-06 and Rs. 480.10 lakhs and Rs. 381.40 lakhs to the States of Orissa and UP respectively during the year 2006-07 as untied funds to sub-centre to fulfill their local needs.

Community Health Centres have been released funds of an amount of Rs. 2400 lakhs, Rs. 3840 lakhs and Rs. 5600 lakhs during the year 2005-06 and Rs. 2220 lakhs, Rs. 740 lakhs and Rs. 2120 lakhs to the States of Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and UP respectively during the year 2006-07 for upgrading CHCs to India Public Health Standards (IPHS).

Deaths of patiens due to strike of doctors

1263. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that doctors in metropolitan cities struck work in protest in May, 2006 leaving patients in hospitals unattended;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of patients died due to non-treatment/non-attendance during the period of strike;

(d) whether Government propose to pay any compensation to kins of those deceased patients; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Resident